

REMARKS

The Examiner has cited new art, but nevertheless given a final rejection. Applicant has carefully reviewed the new rejection based on obviousness over Kemmerer and Sato (4,380,809), and the claims here amended, both to simplify issues, and to distinguish the combination of references. The claims remain 1-8.

In particular, the claims have been amended to include the feature that the audio system is provided within a premise such that the power supply is connected to a plurality of amplifier arrangements via respective electrical cables, with the plurality of amplifier arrangements being located in different rooms of the premises. Support for this can be found in page 3, lines 18-20 of the application as published.

In contrast, in the prior art which has been relied upon by the Examiner, in particular, Kemmerer and Sato, there is no such disclosure. The system in Kemmerer is quite clearly provided to be of use in a vehicle and therefore is provided in a self contained single item in the form of the driver cabin surrounded by the walls of the vehicle. In Sato, there is disclosed a power supply system for a cassette deck box and an audio box connected thereto. Even if combined with Kemmerer, there is no suggestion that the system disclosed in Sato would be provided for use in different rooms of a premises; indeed, if one refers to column 1 of Sato, lines 17-19, references are made once more to a car stereo system, and so it can be argued that the Sato system is for use in a vehicle as well.

Thus, the prior art documents all relate to the provision of a system which is to be operated and located within a single area i.e. the driver cabin of a vehicle. In contrast, in the current invention, the apparatus is to be used in a range of different environments i.e. different rooms of a premises and the applicant has realised that by providing the system as now defined in

claim 1, power supply can be provided to a plurality of amplifiers in a manner which allows reduced heat dissipation and thereby increases the efficiency especially when the system is powered over small gauged structured wiring cables.

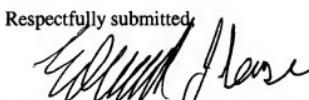
The amendments here made respond to the Examiner's first time cited Sato reference, combined with Kemmerer and for that reason should be entered and considered at this time.

This is a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for three months from April 27, 2009 to July 27, 2009. Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$555.00 to cover the cost of the three months extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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